

# GERMANS PLAN TO BLOW UP SHIPS CARRYING FOOD TO THE BRITISH

## THAW WON'T RETURN HERE IN 30 DAYS, SAY LAWYERS, AS THEY PLAN HARD FIGHT

Many Technicalities by Which He May Evade Supreme Court's Order.

KNOX GOES TO SEE HIM.

Jerome Is Confident of Victory, but Silent as to Plans.

Two members of Harry K. Thaw's imposing battery of lawyers made it plain, to-day, that he will not be back in the State of New York at the end of thirty days, as a result of the decision of the United States Supreme Court.

They refuse to make known their plans, but they are quite as sure that the slayer of Stanford White will not come back as William Travers Jerome is that Thaw will be tried in New York County, some time in January, on the indictment for conspiracy found against him following his escape from Matteawan.

Philander C. Knox and ex-Gov. William A. Stone, of Pennsylvania, have not arranged a conference with Thaw's New York lawyers and none is contemplated in the near future. It is reported Senator Knox has gone to Manchester, N. H., to see Thaw.

Judge Willard H. Olmsted, of No. 29 Broadway to-day said a number of plans in Thaw's interest already had been made and now that the Supreme Court has ruled against him it will be only a matter of selecting the best one.

"It is in all those that Thaw will try to escape," said Judge Olmsted. "If he went into another State he would have to submit to another writ and the delay would gain nothing. He won't go out of the country, because he can't, for he is under close guard. Yes, I have read the report that Mr. Jerome will try to have a lunacy commission appointed to act at the conspiracy trial—in case he is able to bring Thaw back here. But I won't admit that the ruse, while clever, would be successful in destroying our plans. There is plenty of time to act. Thaw will not be in New York State in thirty days or thereafter."

LAWYERS THINK THAW WON'T BE BACK IN 30 DAYS.

Samson Selig of House, Grosman & Vorhaus of No. 115 Broadway, declared Thaw is never out of the sight

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**DIVORCED 47 YEARS; ARE NOW REMARRIED**

Colorado Editor, 92 Years Old, Reunited to Former Wife, 85, Through Efforts of Children.

GEORGETOWN, Cal., Dec. 22.—A. J. Randall, ninety-two years old, editor and former professor in the Georgetown High School, and his wife, eighty-five years, from whom he was divorced forty-seven years ago, have just been remarried in Kansas City, according to word reaching here to-day. Randall recently fell heir to \$50,000.

The remarriage is the reward for the couple's four children to effect a reconciliation that have continued since the divorce in 1867.

## LONG ISLAND ROAD BANS WOODEN CARS

Finally Obeys Commission's Order—Fails to Get Rule Modified.

The Public Service Commission received word this afternoon from the Long Island Railroad Company that it is obeying the order to discontinue the use of wooden trailer cars in trains made up in part of steel cars. Compliance with the order began last Thursday. The railroad company should have complied Dec. 1.

One of the provisions of the order affects 52 cars of wooden construction used in the operation of multiple unit trains out of the Flatbush Avenue station. The company complied with all other provisions of the order, but asked a modification of this provision because of the condition of finances. What the company wanted was to be permitted to have its own say as to when it should order steel cars.

The Public Service Commission denied the application for more time.

## BROOKLYN MAN CUTS HIS THROAT IN HOTEL

Philadelphia Police Accuse David F. Baker of Attempt at Suicide.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—David F. Baker, of Brooklyn, who was found in his room at Green's Hotel late Thursday afternoon with his throat cut in several places and removed to the Pennsylvania Hospital, said to be in a dying condition, is reported recovering by the hospital authorities to-day. Baker was unconscious when found in his room. A razor was beside his body, which indicated to the police that Baker had attempted suicide. A letter found in the room was confiscated by the police.

Baker came to the hotel Wednesday night. During the morning, when maids were cleaning the rooms, it was noticed Baker's door was still locked. One of the maids thought she heard a slight moan. She informed several neighbors and they found Baker.

**BRITISH CRUISERS REAPPEAR OFF THE COAST OF NEW YORK.**

The British cruisers Lancaster and Suffolk and the Canadian cruiser Gloria, which have not been heard from for several weeks, appeared to-day off the entrance of New York Harbor.

During the early part of the war they maintained, with other British ships, a regular patrol of New York Harbor. The three cruisers steamed within five miles of the Sandy Hook Lightship and another east.

## EXPRESS AGENT ROBBED.

Hold-up Man Gets \$100 from Willcox at Long Branch.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Dec. 22.—While Fred Willcox, local agent for the American Express Company, was going to his office at the New York and Long Branch Railroad station from his Westwood avenue home early today he was held up and robbed of about \$100.

After the robbery, a tall, slender man met Willcox and is said to be the robber and, taking him by surprise, grabbed him by the coat, tore it open, took the money from a pocket and escaped.

A description of the robber was reported to Police Headquarters.

For Racing See Sporting Page.

## BAFF WITNESS IS SENT TO JAIL FOR REFUSING TO TALK

Rettich, Bartender in Hoboken Saloon Where Death Plot Was Hatched, Obdurate.

WHITMAN IS ENRAGED.

Prisoner Refuses to Tell Who Warned Him Last Week Not to Testify.

Carl Rettich, a Hoboken bartender, in whose saloon the murder plot resulting in the death of Barnett Baff is known to have been hatched, was committed to the Tombs as a recalcitrant witness by Judge Malone in General Sessions this afternoon.

Rettich, dangerously near being held as accessory to the murder himself because of his knowledge of the men who planned it and the methods they took to carry it out, refused to tell who had visited his saloon at No. 557 Oak street, Hoboken, last Thursday and warned him to "forget" everything he knew before the New York authorities got on his trail.

Rettich was summoned to the Grand Jury room shortly before 1 o'clock. He was not there long before the District Attorney, his face flushed with rage, emerged from the jury room, followed by the witness, the stenographer and the foreman of the jury.

They proceeded to Judge Malone's chambers and there Rettich was given a severe dressing down by the Judge. He promised to answer all further questions put to him and went back to the jury room.

Ten minutes later Whitman again came out with the stubborn prisoner and took him before Malone to be committed for contempt. The proceedings were brief. Rettich found himself in a cell in the Tombs within an hour of the time he first entered the jury room.

The bartender is known to have been an intimate of many of the principals in the recent startling developments of the Baff case. It is believed it was one of these who visited him when arrest was impending last week and urged him to keep his mouth shut on information which might be of use to the New York authorities.

District Attorney Whitman expects to have James Moore, the informer, positively identify one of the two gunmen who murdered Barnett Baff in West Washington Market on Nov. 24. This information was gleaned from an authoritative source to-day just as the Grand Jury reconvened at 11 o'clock to resume the inquiry begun yesterday into the ramifications of the Baff murder plot.

Moore himself, whose revelation of the complete story of how a business murder was planned and executed has received confirmation from many other sources, will be to-day's star witness before the Grand Jury, it was said at the District Attorney's Office.

The second gunman in the case is now under detention and the evidence against him is believed to be no less incriminating.

Not only is Moore expected to identify the man who fired the shots into the back of the wealthy poultry merchant, but several eye-witnesses of the murder, whose first reluctance to be drawn into the case has been broken down by the swift developments of the last few days, will be given an opportunity to confirm Moore's accusations, if they have not actually confronted the suspect already.

A startling move on the part of In-

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## MADE NIECE BEG TO SATISFY MANIA FOR HELPING POOR

Sentence Suspended on Wife of Former Greek Consul to Constantinople.

WOMAN WELL-TO-DO.

Widely Noted for Her Well-Doing, Which Only Her Income Limited.

Inability to satisfy an overmastering charitable impulse out of the allowance made her by her husband was the excuse offered to-day in the Court of Special Sessions by Mrs. Malamo Demetriades of No. 543 West One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, arrested on Nov. 25 on a charge of sending her twelve-year-old niece, Salvia Alexander, out on the streets to beg.

Mrs. Demetriades is the wife of a patent lawyer who was formerly Vice Consul for Greece at Constantinople. The family is in comfortable circumstances.

Probation officers found Mrs. Demetriades widely noted for her charitable activities. She has a letter from the Queen of Greece acknowledging the receipt of \$100 for the soldiers wounded in the Balkan War. She had many charities of a minor nature near her home which she supported and she contributed freely to the charities of the Greek Orthodox Church in East Seventy-second Street.

John Stephanidis, counsel for Mrs. Demetriades, pleaded for her in court to-day. He explained that her passion for giving amounts to almost a mania, that she never expends anything on herself or her comfort except what is specially set aside for that purpose by her husband, and that when she instructed the little girl to say that the money she solicited was for a charitable purpose the statement was true.

In view of the favorable reports made by the probation officers, sentence was suspended on Mrs. Demetriades' promise that she will confine her gifts to the limits of her income.

**GERMANS BUILDING 40 MORE SUBMARINES; CHANGES IN DESIGN.**

THE HAGUE (via London), Dec. 22 (United Press).—Germany is building forty submarines of 900 tons. These will bring her known fleet of "under-seaboats" up to ninety-five.

The new vessels are of the latest design, embodying some novel departures from the former type of German submarines.

## CHILD HIT BY AUTO.

He Has Concussion of Brain—Driver Speeds Away.

Arthur Hansen, eight years old, of No. 267 West Forty-second Street, was struck by an automobile, No. 55,214, N. J., while crossing the thoroughfare at No. 232 West Forty-third Street this afternoon. He was taken to Flower Hospital, where it was found he has concussion of the brain.

The automobile sped away.

## PLEA TO LAMAR FOR FRANK.

Justice Will Be Asked to Grant Write to Review Conviction.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Louis Marshall, New York attorney, arrived here to-day to ask Justice Lamar of the Supreme Court to grant a writ to review the conviction of Leo M. Frank of Atlanta of murdering Mary Phagan. Marshall planned to see Lamar some time this afternoon or to-morrow.

If Lamar refuses to grant the writ application will be made to other Justices.

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## Grand Admiral of Kaiser's Navy Who Plans to Starve British



## FRANCE PLEDGED TO FIGHT TILL BELGIUM IS AVENGED AND MILITARISM CRUSHED

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Premier Viviani, said to-day in stating the views of the Government concerning the war to the Chamber of Deputies when it reassembled:

"France, acting in accord with her allies, will not sheath her arms until after taking vengeance for outraged right; until she has united for all time to the French fatherland the provinces ravished from her by force; restored her Belgium to the fullness of her material life and her political independence, and until Prussian militarism has been crushed, to the end that it be possible to reconstruct, on a basis of justice, a Europe regenerated."

There was a remarkable demonstration when the Premier declared that France and her allies were determined to carry on the war to the finish, whatever its length and severity.

"There is at this time but one single policy: a combat without mercy until such time as we accomplish the definite liberation of Europe, won by a victory ensuring peace," said the Premier.

The opening of this session of Parliament was under exceedingly dramatic conditions. Many members of the Chamber of Deputies as well as Senators returned from the front, where they are serving with the army. Three Deputies and one member of the Senate have been killed in action. The session is expected to be short. Adjournment may be taken by Thursday after the bills which will be presented by the Government are passed.

Following is the text of to-day's French war report:

"Between the sea and the Lys during the day of Dec. 21 there were artillery engagements. Between the Lys and the Aisne we repulsed a German attacking column which was endeavoring to come from Carancy, and we took several houses at Blancy."

"An attack of the enemy on Mametz and the nearby trenches made it impossible for our troops to make material progress in this direction. In the region of Libons three attacks of the enemy were repulsed."

"We made slight gains to the east and to the west of Trariville-Val, and our artillery delivered an efficacious fire on the plateau of Nouvron."

"In the sectors of the Aisne and of Rheims there were artillery engagements."

"In Champagne and in the Argonne, in the vicinity of Souain, there have been violent bayonet engagements. We have not made perceptible progress in this region. We have occupied, in the suburbs of Perthes-lès-Hurlus, three German positions representing a front of entrenchments 1,500 yards long. To the north of Beauséjour we have consolidated the positions occupied by us."

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## SUBMARINES TO RAID BRITISH SHIPPING NEXT, VON TIRPITZ'S THREAT

We'll Bottle England Up and Starve Her by Torpedoing Every Vessel That Approaches Her Harbors, Says German Naval Head in His First Interview.

## ASSERTS WAR WAS LONG PLANNED BY ENGLAND

By Karl H. von Wiegand. (Copyright, 1914, by United Press. Copyright in Great Britain.) GRAND GENERAL HEADQUARTERS OF KAISER, IN FRANCE, Dec. 2 (via The Hague to New York, Dec. 22) [Delayed for official use by General Staff].—"America has not raised her voice in protest and has taken little or no action against England's closing of the North Sea to neutral shipping. What will America say if Germany declares submarine war on all the enemy's merchant ships?"

Grand Admiral von Tirpitz, Minister of Marine, regarded as the strongest man in the German Government and possible next Imperial Chancellor, whose marvellous organizing genius is largely responsible for Germany's fleet, peered sharply at me as he leaned forward and put the question, in the first interview he has ever granted an American correspondent.

"Why not?" he continued. "England wants to starve us. We can play the same game. We can bottle her up and torpedo every English or allies' ship which nears any harbor in Great Britain, thereby cutting off large food supplies."

MARINE DEPARTMENT IS NOW IN THE FIELD.

For once, departing from his rigid rule not to talk with newspaper men, Admiral von Tirpitz received me in a private house, the home of a French banker who fled before the German advance, and on the door of which was a cardboard sign "Marine Department."

"Britain's domination of the sea," he declared, "was originally founded on piracy, while her power on land was established by robbery in all parts of the world. England, and England alone, is responsible for this war. Did Germany want anything? Did Germany make any demands on any one? Did Germany have any quarrel with any one? No; she only wanted to be left alone to continue her peaceful growth and development."

"England's anti-German policy dates back as far as 1870, after our victory over France. Always dictatorial and domineering, she didn't want Germany to expand commercially or to take the place in the world to which her power entitled her."

IS BITTER IN HIS ATTACKS ON THE BRITISH.

"England is impartial. She will cut any one's throat who gets in her way. England has no white man's scruples. Her alliance with Japan shows that. She will form an alliance with any one, regardless of race or color if she can profit thereby. Germany was developing too fast, growing too strong and too powerful, and was getting in England's way, so her throat had to be cut—that's it in a nutshell."

"King Edward laid plans for it years ago. He had an inextinguishable antipathy to Germany. He looked about and seized upon the growing Pan-Slavism in the East and the 'revanche' idea in the West as his means."

"England thereupon formed an alliance with the yellow race in the Orient, with Russian barbarians in the East, and in the West with the French, who were unable to shake themselves loose from the obsession of the 'revanche.' Thus located between the walls of Pan Slavism on one side and the 'revanche' on the other side, and with England dominating the sea, Germany was to be crushed and put back into the place assigned to her by England. With these means, England set out to destroy or crush Germany and all that Germany stands for and she has the audacity to proclaim throughout the world that in crushing Germany she and her allies—Russian Tartars, Japanese, Hindus, Senegalese, Turcos and all the rest—are fighting for the holiest and highest ideals of civilization. Does the world really believe that?"

"The impression has gone abroad," I remarked, "that German militarism helped to bring on the war."

"Yes, that's England's cry," retorted the Admiral. "Our militarism accuses, but what about her navalism and marinism, which for years has made claims to a monopoly of authority on the water? There is no militarism with us, unless you call universal service by that title; and that is merely the defensive development which has resulted from Germany having been the tramping ground of the European nations for hundreds of years. In two hundred years France has declared war on Germany thirty times. I say universal service makes for peace, not for war."

SAYS AMERICANS MUST FACE JAPANESE PROBLEM.

"What are Your Excellency's views as regards the Japanese problem?" I asked.

"That is for you! That is what you Americans will have to face and meet, and we will be the enforcers." On this von Tirpitz straightened up.